

# Ashe



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

## ■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	26
Primary Care Physicians	18
<i>Family Practice</i>	12
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	2
Other Specialties	8
Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.2
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	4

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	125
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	4
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	58

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	19
Physical Therapists	8
Physical Therapist Assistants	6
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	3

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	24,775	5,248	14,969	4,558
<b>Nonwhite</b>	367	115	220	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,142</b>	<b>5,363</b>	<b>15,189</b>	<b>4,590</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	21.3%	60.4%	18.3%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	11,975
Employed 2003	11,122
Unemployed 2003	853
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	7.1
Per Capita Income 2002	\$23,853
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	4,850

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2002

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Resident Births	219	Total Pregnancies	249	Total Pregnancy Rate	50.5
Resident Deaths	292	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	39	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	60.0
% Births <2500 gms	6.8				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2002

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Total	13.7	White	14.0	Nonwhite	0.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 <sup>†</sup>	3,499	General Hospital Beds 2003 <sup>††</sup>	76	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	210
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\*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2003; inactive are excluded.

\*\*Includes NC Medical Board licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

†Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

††Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.